

### Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

### Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) ~~A Portal-Server~~ portal-server system comprising:

a component to add a reference to ~~references in~~ an existing navigation tree of ~~[[the]] a local Portal (1)-page portal, wherein the reference represents~~ representing a placeholder for a navigation tree of a ~~Portal portal~~ fragment of a remote ~~Portal (2), portal, and wherein the navigation tree defines a relationship between nodes of the navigation tree;~~

a component ~~[[ (10) ]]~~ to establish communication with ~~[[said]] the remote Portal portal [[ (2) ]]~~ and to receive ~~Meta-information~~ meta-information of ~~[[said]] the Portal portal fragment via a Communication communication component [[ (20) ]]~~ of ~~[[said]] the remote Portal portal [[ (2) ]]~~, wherein ~~[[said]] the Meta-information meta-information completely describes the navigation tree of [[said]] the Portal portal fragment[[,]]; and~~

a component ~~[[ (30) ]]~~ to merge ~~[[said]] the existing navigation tree of [[said]] the local Portal portal [[ (1) ]]~~ with ~~[[said]] the navigation tree of [[said]] the Portal portal fragment, wherein resulting in a new navigation tree is formed~~ ~~[[,]]; and~~

a component to traverse ~~[[said]] the new navigation tree by applying [[the]] a look and feel of [[said]] the local Portal portal [[ (1) ]]~~.

2. (Currently Amended) ~~The Portal-Server~~ portal-server system according to claim 1, further comprising:

a transformation component ~~[[ (15) ]]~~ at ~~[[said]] a local Portal portal [[ (1) ]]~~ side which receives the ~~Meta-information meta-information~~ in a standardized ~~[[XML]] extensible markup language~~ -format and transforms ~~[[it]] the meta-inforamtion into [[the]] a format of [[said]] the existing navigation tree of [[said]] the local Portal portal [[ (1) ]]~~.

3. (Currently Amended) ~~A method~~ Method for dynamically integrating ~~[[of]] a remote Portal fragments portal fragment of a remote portal into a local Portal portal while maintaining [[the]] a look and feel of the local portal, the method comprising: characterized by the steps of:~~

identifying a reference in an existing navigation tree of the local Portal portal [[page]] representing a placeholder for a navigation tree of [[a]] the remote Portal portal fragment, wherein the navigation tree defines a relationship between nodes of the navigation tree;

establishing communication with ~~[[said]] the remote Portal portal~~ [[,]] ;

receiving ~~Meta-information~~ meta-information from ~~[[said]] the remote Portal portal~~ describing the navigation tree of ~~[[said]] the remote Portal portal~~ fragment to be integrated~~[[,]]~~ ;

merging the existing navigation tree with the navigation tree of the ~~Portal remote portal~~ fragment to be integrated resulting in a new navigation tree~~[[,]]~~ ; and

rendering an integrated ~~Portal portal~~ page by traversing ~~[[said]] the~~ new navigation tree, identifying references to the remote ~~Portal fragments portal fragment~~ in ~~[[said]] the~~ new navigation tree, establishing communication with ~~[[said]] the remote Portals portal~~ and receiving ~~[[the]] a~~ markup of ~~[[said]] the remote portal Fragments fragment~~ for displaying ~~[[said]] the Portal remote portal~~ fragment into ~~[[said]] the integrated portal~~ page.

4. (Currently Amended) The method Method according to claim 3, wherein the step of receiving the Meta-information meta-information ~~is generated by the following steps comprises:~~

loading a navigation tree of the remote ~~Portal portal~~ ~~[[page]]~~ if a ~~Portal portal~~ fragment request is received by the remote ~~Portal portal~~ ~~[[,]]~~ ;

extracting the navigation tree of ~~[[said]] the remote Portal portal~~ fragment to be integrated from ~~[[said]] the~~ navigation tree of ~~[[said]] the remote Portal portal~~ ~~[[,]]~~; and

~~putting said~~ inserting the navigation tree of ~~[[said]] the remote Portal portal~~ fragment into ~~[[a]] an~~ ~~[[XML]]~~ extensible markup language document.

5. (Currently Amended) The method Method according to claim 4, further comprising:

~~wherein said receiving the meta-information~~ ~~Meta-information is received~~ by ~~[[said]] the local Portal portal~~ in a standardized ~~[[XML]]~~ extensible markup language format.

6. (Currently Amended) The method Method according to claim 5, wherein ~~[[said]] the Meta-information meta-information~~ is converted from ~~[[said]] the~~ standardized ~~[[XML]]~~ extensible markup language format into ~~[[the]] a~~ format of the existing navigation tree of the local ~~Portal portal~~ before merging.

7. (Currently Amended) A computer Computer program product stored in ~~the internal memory of a digital computer~~ a computer readable medium, the computer program product comprising: containing parts of software code to execute the method in accordance with claims 4 to 6 if the product is run on the computer.

computer usable program code for identifying a reference in an existing navigation tree of a local portal representing a placeholder for a navigation tree of a remote portal fragment, wherein the navigation tree defines a relationship between nodes of the navigation tree;

computer usable program code for establishing communication with a remote portal ;

computer usable program code for receiving meta-information from the remote portal describing the navigation tree of the remote portal fragment to be integrated;

computer usable program code for merging the existing navigation tree with the navigation tree of the remote portal fragment to be integrated resulting in a new navigation tree; and

computer usable program code for rendering an integrated portal page by traversing the new navigation tree, identifying references to the remote portal fragment in the new navigation tree, establishing communication with the remote portal and receiving a markup of the remote portal fragment for displaying the remote portal fragment into the integrated portal page.